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Connecticut General Assembly Education Committee
Attention: Representative Jeff Curry, Co-Chair
Senator Douglas McCrory, Co-Chair

Dear Members of the Education Committee:


RE: Raised Bill No. SB 1094 - Public Hearing March 1, 2023 10:00 A.M.

The Town of Wallingford supports this legislation and the delay in implementation of reading model requirements. The delay is an opportunity to review the approved requirements and determine what modifications may be advisable.

Our mission is clear. We must address reading skills, and ultimately all other deficits in student learning. Too many students are not at grade level. Imposing a specific program on local Boards of Education potentially can flounder on the reality that every community is unique, with its own fingerprints of strengths and weaknesses.

We suggest that Boards of Education be tasked with adopting programs designed to address learning deficiencies. If improvements do not occur within a specific time frame, action from State Government is warranted. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


William W. Dickinson, Jr.
Mayor

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cc: Wallingford Legislative Delegation